











Farm Savings Accounts and the Farm Safety Net

June 2, 2003

8:00 - 8:30 AM Registration

8:30 AM Welcome

ERS Management, ERS/USDA

8:45 AM Farm Savings Accounts and the Farm Safety Net

Ron Durst, ERS/USDA

9:00 AM Moderator: Robert Dismukes, ERS/USDA

The Role of Farm Savings Accounts in Managing Income Variability

Jeff Bazille, Research and Evaluation Division, RMA/USDA

Do Farmers Already Save? *Ashok Mishra, ERS/USDA*

10:15 - 10:30 AM Coffee Break

10:30 AM Moderator: *Shiva Makki, Ohio State Universtiy*

Canada's Experience with Net Income Stabilization Accounts

Greg Strain, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Australia's Experience with Farm Management Deposits Program

Accounts

Trish Gleeson, ABARE

12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Moderator: Jim Monke, Congressional Research Service

Farm Savings Accounts and Variability in Farm Income: Analysis of

Farm Management Panel Data

Jeff Williams, Kansas State

Andy Swenson, North Dakota State

Brent Gloy, Cornell Paul Ellinger, Illinois

2:45 - 3:00 PM Coffee Break

3:00 PM Perspectives on a US Program

Ron Durst, ERS/USDA

3:30 PM What We've Learned. What's Next?

Barry Goodwin, Ohio State University

4:00 PM Closing Remarks